

# ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

## STEP 2: APPLY FOR ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

I have been issued the Alternative Preliminary Certificate

YES

I have been offered a teaching contract at a SD public or department accredited school

NO

**STOP**

You must have a contracted teaching position before you can apply for the Initial Alternative Certificate.

NO

**STOP**

You are not eligible for Alternative Certification. Apply for an Alternative Preliminary Certificate.

YES

I have a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education.

NO

I have one of the following:

- Associate of applied science degree or higher in a related CTE field
- 4,000 hours of work experience in a related CTE field
- Hold a national certification in a related CTE field

YES

I am a current Teach For America National Teacher Corp participant?

YES

You may apply for the TFA Alternative Certification

NO

You may apply for the General Education or the CTE Alternative Certification Route

I want to obtain a professional teacher certificate?

YES

You may apply for the CTE Alternative Certification Route

NO

You may apply for the CTE Instructor Permit

# SELECT ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION ROUTE

## Eligibility Criteria

Criteria 1: Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university

Criteria 2: Associate of Applied Science Degree or higher in a CTE field

Criteria 3: 4,000 documented hours of work experience in a CTE field

Criteria 4: Hold a national certification in a related CTE field

### General Education Alternative Certification (Criteria 1)

#### Allows you to Teach:

- Grades 5-8 elementary teacher
- Grades 5-12 secondary teacher
- Grades K-12 teacher

#### Not Allowed to Teach:

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary self-contained K-4
- Elementary subject-specific K-4
- CTE Cluster and Pathway
- Early Childhood SPED
- K-12 SPED

### Teach For America Alternative Certification (Criteria 1)

#### Allows you to Teach:

- Grades K-8 elementary teacher
- Grades 5-12 secondary teacher
- Grades K-12 teacher
- CTE—If the requirements for CTE alternative certification are met

#### Not Allowed to Teach:

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood SPED
- K-12 SPED

### CTE Alternative Certification (Criteria 1, 2, 3, 4)

#### Allows you to Teach:

- Grades 7-12 CTE endorsements
- Secondary and K-12—If the requirements are met

#### Not Allowed to Teach:

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary self-contained K-4
- Elementary subject-specific K-4
- Early Childhood SPED
- K-12 SPED

### CTE Instructor Educator Permit (Criteria 1,2,3,4)

#### Allows you to Receive ONLY the Following Endorsements:

- All CTE Career Pathway
- Career Cluster
  - Education and Training
  - Law, Public Safety, Security, & Correction

**May not receive a Professional Teaching Certificate or teach any non CTE courses**

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